

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the claims were again rejected as being obvious in view of the disclosures of the previously cited Masuda and Tsunoda references. In response, independent Claims 1 and 13 have now been amended and are believed to be patentably distinct over the cited references for the reasons set forth below.

In this regard, amended Claims 1 and 13 require an image reading apparatus comprising a screw configured to be mounted in a screw hole formed on the unit frame, so that a head of the screw slides in contact with a guide member. With this structure, a position of the unit frame relative to the guide member is adjusted in accordance with a rotating amount of the screw.

As distinguished from this claim structure, the cited Masuda and Tsunoda patents do not have such structure wherein a position of the unit frame relative to the guide member can be adjusted in accordance with a rotating amount of the screw.

Accordingly, it is believed that amended Claims 1 and 13 as well as the dependent claims are allowable over the cited references, wherefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

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